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SUBJECT: GOK VIEW OF PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO MAN USLOK

REF: A. KUWAIT 3663, B. KUWAIT 3711

1. IN MEETING WITH KUWAITI MOD STAFF REGARDING STATEMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR USLOK ESTABLISHMENT, REPORTED REF B, EMB OFF INQUIRED WHETHER MOD HAD DECIDED HOW MANY PEOPLE (IN ADDITION TO CHIEF, USLOK) IT WISHED TO INCLUDE IN USLOK STAFF. EMB OFF REMINDED MOD REPS THAT USG RECOMMENDATION WAS FOR TOTAL OF EIGHT OFFICER AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL, IN ADDITION TO CHIEF.

2. ASSISTANT TO KUWAITI UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, JAMIEL BURGAWI, REPLIED THAT MOD POSITION ON USLOK MANNING WAS THAT FOUR ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WERE REQUIRED, RATHER THAN EIGHT WHICH USG RECOMMENDED. BURGAWI SAID MOD WANTED THESE FOUR TO BE: OPERATIONS AND TRAINING OFFICER; LOGISTICAL OFFICER; SIGNAL OFFICER; AND CLERK. IT APPEARED AS THOUGH BURGAWI HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THIS DECISION, BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN MADE AT HIGHER LEVEL IN MOD.

3. BURGAWI ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT UPON SIGNING OF STATEMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS, GOK WOULD BE PREPARED TO SIGN

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FMS CASE AAA, AS AMENDED BY AGREEMENTS REACHED ON STATEMENT

OF ARRANGEMENTS, ASSUMING FMS-FUNDED USLOK PERSONNEL LEVEL
OF FOUR.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY NOT YET ABLE TO ASSESS FIRMNESS OF
MOD POSITION ON USLOK MANNING LEVEL. WE WILL RAISE SUBJECT
AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND URGE THAT MOD GO ALONG
WITH USG RECOMMENDED FIGURE. HOWEVER, WE MAY FIND THAT
MOD IS UNWILLING TO DISCUSS ISSUE PRIOR TO COMPLETION
OF NEGOTIATIONS ON STATEMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS; AND IN
THE END WE MAY HAVE TO SETTLE FOR FEWER THAN EIGHT USLOK
POSITIONS.

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